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ARREST MADE IN JONATHAN OLSON HOMICIDE

On February 9th, 2020, Lincoln Police Department investigators arrested 49-year-old Mark Hietbrink of Lincoln for Manslaughter following the investigation into the homicide of Jonathan Olson. Our agency is keeping Jonathan Olson's family and friends in our thoughts during this difficult time. We ask the public to respect the family's privacy as they continue to grieve his death.

On October 11th, 2019, at approximately 8:32 p.m., Lincoln police officers responded to Olson's residence in the 4900 block of Fremont Street on a report of a belated assault. Upon arrival, officers located Olson and observed facial injuries consistent with having been assaulted. Olson advised he had been assaulted earlier that day. Lincoln Fire and Rescue transported Olson to a local area hospital, where doctors determined that he'd sustained serious internal head injuries which required multiple surgeries.

On October 17th, 2019, at approximately 5:50 p.m., Olson was pronounced deceased. Autopsy findings concluded that the cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head.

Upon interviewing witnesses, investigators learned that Olson had been in a relationship with a woman who was concurrently in another relationship with Hietbrink. Investigators determined that Olson went to Hietbrink's home on October 11th to retrieve personal property and was confronted by Hietbrink. Multiple witnesses reported seeing Hietbrink assault Olson.

After conducting follow-up, analyzing digital, forensic, and video evidence and working with pathologists, investigators arrested Hietbrink for Manslaughter. On February 9th, 2020, at approximately 4:19 p.m., the Lincoln Police Department Investigations Unit located Hietbrink and took him into custody without incident.

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